

IOWA CITY FAILS TO SHOW IN MEET

College City Bowlers Total Only 2145 in Tri-State Tourney at Island City Alleys.

HARNEY AHEAD IN DAVENPORT

Local Boy, Who Leads Here, Also Shoot to Front in City Contests—Rock Island Team Second.

TOURNAMENT STANDING.

Teams.	
Edelweiss, Rock Island	2691
FitzGibbons, Moline	2659
C. C. Tafts, Des Moines	2650
Lincoln Stars, Cedar Rapids	2615
Cross Country, Rock Island	2598
Flynn, Rock Island	2566
Doubles.	
Martin-Hammel, Des Moines	1174
Frederick-Salzman, Rock Island	1114
Johnson-Harney, Rock Island	1089
Wagley-Locker, Des Moines	1089
Haley-Rader, Des Moines	1089
Hopkins-Blood, Grinnell	1082
Singles.	
Burns Harney, Rock Island	657
W. A. Strayer, Rock Island	640
"Dad" Hopkins, Grinnell, Iowa	640
E. Disalov, Des Moines	600
A. Montillon, Cedar Rapids	590
Darrell Hamlet, Rock Island	588
G. Rader, Des Moines	584

Iowa City bowlers invaded Rock Island yesterday but failed to disturb the leaders in the tri-state bowling tournament at the Island City alleys, totaling only 2145 in their team event last night. The visitors started fairly well with 791, but slumped badly in the last two games. Harney and McInnery, two of Iowa City's pin stars, rolled far below form, both in the team and doubles events, getting 906 in the latter. Harney and McInnery also shot in the singles, but failed to get place.

The only local bowlers to appear in the meet last night were Dr. Mueller and "Skip" Bleuer, members of the leading Edelweiss team, who shot their doubles, getting a count of 991. "Doc" ran into three bad splits, spoiling chances for a 1,000 count.

Tonight two teams from the Rock Island club will shoot their events. The teams will be known as the No. 1 and No. 2 club teams. The No. 1 squad is composed of the best bowlers in the Rock Island club league and should they hit their stride the leaders had best look to their positions. Tomorrow four teams will roll in all events. The meet closes Sunday, when Clinton and Aurora bowlers come to shoot. The scores:

Iowa City.			
Powers	172	152	123
Schneider	131	123	128
Elbert	162	166	137
McInnery	152	127	111
Harney	174	144	129
	791	702	648
	2145		
Rock Island.			
Hanlon	170	148	145
McInnery	133	121	159
	443		
	906		
Local.			
Mueller	171	128	179
Bleuer	159	156	198
	513		
	991		

Harney Leads in Davenport.

Burns Harney of Rock Island, who is leading in the singles in the tri-state meet with 657, last night shot into first place in the singles in the Davenport city tournament, now being conducted at the Black Hawk alleys in that city, with a score of 589, lacking one pin of a 200 average. Burns started with 207, but fell to 169, spoiling his chances for a 600 count, when he wound up with 233. Iserman of Des Moines is holding second place with 594.

The U-Tell-Ems, a picked team representing Rock Island, rolled into second place in the five-men event in Davenport last night with a score of 2667. The individual counts were 843, 955 and 869. The team is composed of J. H. Wich, Joe Johnson, John Bergman, H. Wich and Art Salzman. The C. C. Tafts of Des Moines held down first place with 2688. Morrison and Hammel of Des Moines lead in the doubles with 1145.

MOLINE WALLOPS DAVENPORT FIVE

Flaw Boys Spring Surprise of Year on Basketball Floor, Winning by Score 33 to 24.

Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of sports in Moline. For the first time in eight years the Flaw Boys triumphed over Davenport high school at basketball, and did it in a decided way, too, at the Moline high school gym, the final count standing Moline 33, Davenport 24. Moline showed wonderful improvement, coming back after a defeat at the hands of Davenport a few weeks ago. At the end of the first half the score stood 16 to 10 in favor of Moline and the winners maintained a safe lead throughout.

Both teams slowed up in the second half. Moline displayed effective team work and every man on the squad is entitled to share equally in the credit of the victory. Although Fort played below his usual speed, he was easily the strongest defensive player for Davenport, while Vogel starred in offense. The Augustana college band was on hand and furnished music throughout the evening. The lineup: Moline—Welsh, rf.; Wedderburn, lf.; Lyon, c.; Ludwig, rg.; Rohwer, lg.; Davenport—M. MacKeever, rf.; C. MacKeever, lf.; Vogel, c.; Abramson, rg.; Fort, lg.

THE HISTORIANS SOMETIMES OVERDO IT—By Goldberg



ABERG CLAIMS HE CAN BEAT MARVEL

Greco-Roman Champ Will Wager Any Part of \$10,000 He Can Throw Joe Stecher.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—Alex Aberg is the latest aspirant to spring up and dispute Joe Stecher's right to claim any wrestling titles. The big Finlander, who has been making such a big hit in New York by beating all of the men he has been sent against, says that the author of the famous scissors can't challenge Frank Gotch for the championship until Aberg has had a chance to test his strength against the Nebraska. Aberg declares he is willing to wager any part of \$10,000 that he can score a fall on Stecher inside of five minutes of actual wrestling time.

Stecher and Freberg are tapering challenge to the Coliseum Athletic club management, which is staging the final battle between Joe Stecher and John Freberg at the Coliseum tomorrow night, and says he will be at the ringside to challenge Stecher in person and see him perform.

Stecher and Freberg are tapering off in their training for their match on Wednesday night. Stecher has been working out at the C. A. A., where the club members are enthusiastic over his work. It amuses the fans to see the Nebraska get his famous body scissors on the fellows he is training with. When Joe gets through they feel like they had been run over by a street car.

WESTERGAARD IS TO STAGE MOLINE BOUT

The Olympic club of Moline has matched Jess Westergaard, well known heavyweight grappler of Des Moines, for a finish match with Hokuff of Chicago, to be staged at the Family theatre in Moline March 3. Westergaard is at present in California training with Frank Gotch. Hokuff has just returned from New York, where he took part in the wrestling tournament. He was recommended as a worthy opponent to Westergaard by Ed Smith, sports editor of the Chicago American. In a preliminary wrestling bout Young Anderson of the Crescent club of Moline will take on Young Milen of Cleveland, Ill. A burlesque eight-round boxing exhibition has been arranged between "Fat" Smith of Rock Island and "Pete Sox" Peterson of Moline.

Peanuts Schieberl and Peterson will put on an eight-round exhibition in Clinton, Iowa, tonight. Jack Kavanaugh is in fine fettle for his match with Jack Racer of Davenport, which takes place next Thursday night.

ROCK ISLAND IS ON MINNEAPOLIS LISTS

Minneapolis, Feb. 22.—The practice schedule of the Minneapolis club of the American association has been definitely decided upon. It was announced here and will cover a period from March 5 to April 18. President M. E. Cantillon said yesterday that the battery of men will report at Hickman, Ky., on March 5, and the remainder of the squad will report March 19. The work will continue at Hickman until April 6, when the team will return to Minneapolis for games with the Chicago White Sox on April 8 and 9. After these contests the team will play the following schedule: Davenport, Iowa, April 11; Rock Island, Ill., April 12; Burlington, Iowa, April 13; Quincy, Ill., April 14; Peoria, Ill., April 15; Terre Haute, Ind., April 16; Evansville, Ind., April 17.

Rixey Still a Holdout. Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Stanwood Baumgartner, former University of Chicago southpaw, yesterday turned in his contract with the Phillies. The contract is for one year and calls for \$3,000.

SMITH HANDED A SLEEP BY WELLS

Bombardier Springs Big Surprise in London by Stopping Opponent in Third Round.

London, Feb. 22.—Bombardier Wells, the man with the glass jaw, and Dick Smith, also of England, had a fight last night, not in the trenches, where Wells' followers begged him to perform, but in a padded ring. Strange to relate Bomb scored a knockout, stopping Smith in the third round of a scheduled 20-round fight for the heavyweight championship of England.

In the same ring, a few minutes before the Wells victory, Pat O'Keefe, holder of the middle-weight title, successfully defended his crown by beating Jim Sullivan of Ireland in a 20-round encounter. The bout went the limit, O'Keefe winning on points.

Wells' victory was well received. One of the largest crowds that has attended a ring battle since the start of the war turned out for the contest. There were the usual yells from the gallery questioning Wells' game-ness because of his refusal to join the British troops in France, although it was announced several weeks ago that Wells had joined the colors and would report to his regiment at once.

Two Bloomington Players Sign. Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 22.—Pitcher Charles Schlansker, Gillespie, Ill., and Outfielder Charles Oberha, Gillespie, Ill., members of last year's Bloomington team, returned their signed contracts yesterday for 1916.

Eleven Pay to See KAW SIX-DAY RACES. Kansas City, Feb. 22.—Kansas City's six-day bike race will be a financial bloomer. On the opening night there were said to be 1,400 paid admissions. Sunday there were just a few spectators. Yesterday afternoon there were 11 paid admissions in when the race started and last night the crowd was very small. The promoters frankly admit that unless the race draws big on the final day a financial loss cannot be averted.

Already Betting on Willard-Moran Go. New York, Feb. 22.—With the Willard-Moran fight but a month away, betting began in earnest yesterday. Fred Schumm, Wall street commissioner, offered \$100 to \$500 that the fight is not staged March 25, as scheduled. Another bet offered by Schumm was 10 to 8 that if the fight goes the full 10 rounds Willard will get the newspaper decision. Other bets were: Even money that if a knockout occurs Moran will score it, and a bet of \$500 to \$3,000 that Moran will knock Willard out.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, has completely recovered from his recent illness, according to Tom Jones, his manager. Jones said he would take Willard to New York before this week is over to start training for the Willard-Moran fight on March 25. Willard has done no training for nearly two weeks but reports from his training quarters are that he can get in perfect condition in two weeks. He was well overweight before he was taken ill.

Axe for Three World's Champs. Boston, Feb. 22.—It was reported here yesterday that besides Smoky Joe Wood three other world's champions are to be released soon. Catchers Chet Thomas and Forrest Cady and Pitcher Collins are those mentioned as about to be dropped.

Baker Visits Rupert. New York, Feb. 22.—J. Franklin Baker came to New York from his Maryland farm yesterday and had a conference with Colonel Rupert of the Yankees. It was the first meeting between Baker and his new owner. Final details of the deal by which Baker became a possession of the

DAVENPORT BALL MEN IN CHICAGO

Ban Johnson Hopes to Close Deal for Cleveland Club in American League By Thursday.

GANDIL TO PLAY FIRST BASE

Lee Fohl Will Hold Down Managerial Job With Indians—Boston Man to Become Secretary.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The American league will have a clear field in Cleveland this season; Chick Gandil will perform at first base for the ex-Yankees and Lee Fohl will hold down the position of manager. This was the assurance given the diamond bugs by James C. Dunn, new president of the club, after a lengthy conference with brother stockholders in Ban Johnson's office yesterday.

The fact that the American association would not continue in the Forest City was the assurance Dunn demanded before he agreed to take over the club. Where it will go and who will be in charge was not made known, although it was strongly hinted that Roger Bresnahan would be president and manager of the club, which will be stationed at Toledo.

Dunn Has Several Partners.

The stock will be officially handed over to Dunn on Thursday when he will go to Cleveland. His partners in the venture will be P. S. McCarthy, his associate in the contracting firm which bears their name and Dick and Reed Lane of Davenport, the former being president of the Davenport Three-Eye league organization. Another man, prominently connected in Chicago, will have an interest in the club, but his name will not be made known until Thursday. Another item of interest connected with the change is the fact that Robert McRoy, late of the Boston Americans, will probably hold forth as secretary of the new organization.

Gandil Terms Withheld.

That Gandil would be the regular first baseman of the 1916 Indian club was admitted, although it was the desire of the owners to keep this a secret for a few days. Manager Griffith of Washington made an effort to turn over Gandil, Ainsmith and Morgan to Cleveland for Steve O'Neil, catcher and Terry Turner, infielder, but Dunn said that he would not part with O'Neil. He would not state his terms for Gandil.

Fohl was named as manager only after the new boss of the club had talked the matter over with Cleveland baseball writers and business men. They agreed that Fohl accomplished wonders with the material he had on hand last season and voted him the most popular choice. Dunn said Stenall was also a runner-up for the job, but that he could not see his way to appoint George after the Fohl recommendations.

COMMITTEE TO BUY A TEAM FOR TOLEDO

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 22.—That a committee consisting of O. E. Wathen, Louisville; A. F. Timme, Milwaukee, and Mike Cantillon, Minneapolis, owners of American association baseball clubs, or either one of these magnates individually, is willing to purchase the Cleveland American association franchise and place that team in Toledo, provided satisfactory terms can be had for playing at Swayne Field, was the announcement that came from the headquarters of the Milwaukee American Association club yesterday afternoon.

Catches Wolves in Skis. Superior, Wis., Feb. 22.—M. J. Beck, a farmer, brought the scalps of two wolves to the county clerk's office for the bounty yesterday and said that he had killed the animals after running them down on skis. The snow in the woods is so deep and light that the wolves can make little progress. It requires no great effort for ski riders to overtake them.



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